



CHANCELLOR UNVEILS £4.6 BILLION LOCKDOWN GRANT PACKAGE

Chancellor Rishi Sunak has announced a new **£4.6 billion package of grants to support businesses through the latest national lockdown.**

UK businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors are to be given one-off grants worth up to £9,000.

The payments are expected to support 600,000 business properties across the UK. A further £594 million will be made available to councils and devolved nations to support businesses not covered by the new grants.

The Chancellor said: 'The new strain of the virus presents us all with a huge challenge, and whilst the vaccine is being rolled out, we have needed to tighten restrictions further.'

'Throughout the pandemic we've taken swift action to protect lives and livelihoods and . . . we're announcing a further cash injection to support businesses and jobs until the spring.'

'This will help businesses to get through the months ahead – and crucially it will help sustain jobs so workers can be ready to return when they are able to reopen.'

Further information on the various grants and next steps can be found at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk), click [HERE](#).

AAT warns of 'dramatic rise' in self-assessment filing

Lockdown restrictions and mounting pressure on businesses could combine to cause a 'dramatic rise' in self-assessment filing this tax year, according to the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT).

Almost a million self-assessment tax returns were filed late in the last financial year, but the situation has been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. The chances of late filing increased dramatically once a second national lockdown was announced, the AAT said.

In responding to the concerns of its members, the AAT identified three potential solutions and brought them to the attention of the senior leadership team at HMRC. These include a two-month deferral on filing and payments; the waiving of penalties for late filing; and increased use of HMRC's Time to Pay.

Please contact us if you require any assistance with self-assessment, contact info@nhllp.com

Nunn Hayward Year End Tax Planning Guide

How to make the most of your reliefs and allowances

2020/21 has been, and looks like it will continue to be, a tumultuous year.

Many people will end up with a very different level of income compared to past years. Previous year tax planning, in many instances, will unlikely be much use and may require a complete re-evaluation. Higher earners, in particular, might have severely reduced income with monthly Covid-19 support for employment not exceeding £2,500, and no help for the self-employed with annual profits over £50,000. Individuals may also have had to realise investments to replace lost income, so capital gains tax (CGT) planning could be much more relevant this year.

The cancellation of the Autumn 2020 Budget has added to the difficulties in making tax plans this year. With the 2021 Budget now in early March, tax rises are possible for the next year to help rebuild the Government's finances. Higher rates of corporation tax, CGT and self-employed national insurance contributions (NICs) are all possible, as is reduced tax relief for pension contributions.

So, it is more important than ever to make the most of the reliefs and allowances while they are still available. Our guide offers some advice on the core opportunities you should consider and forms the basis of a good financial plan to complete the tax year. With ideas affecting income and investment for couples, company directors, employees and the self-employed, there is something for everyone.

If you would like further advice on any of these topics, or to discuss how they affect your individual circumstances, please get in touch. Download our Year End Planning Guide [HERE](#).

ESSENTIAL TAX DATES FOR JANUARY

14 January

Due date for income tax for the CT61 quarter to 31 December 2020.

19 January

PAYE, Student loan and CIS deductions are due for the month to 5 January 2021. PAYE quarterly payments are due for small employers for the pay periods 6 October 2020 to 5 January 2021.

31 January

Deadline for submitting your 2019/20 self assessment return (£100 automatic penalty if your return is late) and the balance of your 2019/20 liability together with the first payment on account for 2020/21 are also due.

Capital gains tax payment for 2019/20.

Balancing payment – 2019/20 income tax and Class 4 NICs. Class 2 NICs also due.



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